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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I feel that US Telecom is very wrong in their statement that there is no more competition and that the selling of UNE is no longer needed. I choose a competitive carrier because they offer me better rates, no speed tier caps, and better customer service. I have been a customer of ATT and Comcast, both of which left a bad taste in my mouth; rest assured I am not the only one in the US feeling this way.

We run a capitalist economy structure, which by its very nature relies on competition to produce quality and innovation for the people of America. By removing the ability for CLECs to essentially exist, you are doing the very opposite of what capitalism strives to achieve. There is plenty of competition in the US in the broadband industry, a lot of which is in rural areas where US Telecom doesn't even have presence. In a world where the US is already pretty far behind in broadband access and speed, I think it would be in our best interest to keep CLECs to push the US forward for better and reliable broadband access for all.

If you accept the forbearance claim, all you will be doing is creating more of a monopoly on broadband access and rates while pushing the US further away from the progression of new services, new technologies, and better overall coverage/speed for everyone. I would hope as a Federal establishment that you will see the need for good competition in the marketplace and take into consideration the welfare of the people of the United States when making your decision.

Thanks,

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